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The Higher Mission

James B. Donovan, New York attorney, no doubt is fighting an uphill battle as the Democratic senatorial candidate opposing the popular and politically strong Republican Senator Javits. Whatever Mr. Donovan's chances may be, however, it is to his credit that he has given first priority to a difficult mission of mercy, namely, his efforts to negotiate the release of more than 1,100 members of the force that failed in its invasion of Cuba in 1961 and who have since then been held as prisoners by the Castro government.

Mr. Donovan has explained that he is acting solely as the private representative of the prisoners, their families and certain Americans who have given financial help to this worthy effort. At the time of his nomination for Senator, he adds, it was understood that his mission on behalf of the prisoners would take precedence over politics. We share the hopes of many that he will be successful in finding a happy ending to what has been a heart-wrenching ordeal for those who tried courageously to rescue their country from an evil captivity.